

**High Desert Rovers
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2003
Chilipeños Restaurant, Cedar Crest**

Mike Robertson, President started the meeting with presenting the minutes from last month for approval. Minutes accepted and seconded.

Treasurer's report from Steve: balance is growing with new members Peter and Polyan Carlson from Angle Fire, NM. Balance is \$ 950.00.

Christine updated scrapbook and as it was being passed around mentioned that left over and extra photos were available.

Introduction of guest, Dave Starkey, Toyota owner and member of High Desert Cruisers.

Old Business:

On the agenda for tonight's meeting was the issue of possible support of a group such as Southwest Four Wheel Drive (SWFWD) club, Tread Lightly, or any other suggested club that supports keeping land open to the public (non closure of lands). Mike mentioned that the membership would run about \$250.00 to join either SWFWD or Tread Lightly. Scott Hutchinson asked Rob Dassler if the Rover Riders of Colorado belonged to any of these support groups and if so which one he thought would better serve our interests and be more effective with our support. Rob mentioned that the Rover Riders supported the SWFWD and that Tread Lightly did not focus on legal issues but was more of an educational focus of environmental issues for land use, not keeping them open to public.

Chris Hoffman suggested using funds to support a local organization.

Scott mentioned that he thought that most of the land in this area was Federal and wondered what use was it for us to support lobbyists on this issue.

Rob stated that clubs like the SWFWD club actually supported other "bigger" organizations that lobby on land issues and if we join SW we would be part of a bigger organization therefore having a stronger effect on land issues.

Steve suggested that if we are going to do this (support a club) we should decide to set aside money on one only if they both support the same issue.

Rob motioned to join the SWFWD club and the motion was seconded. The motion was put to a vote and approved

Next on the agenda, Calendar of Events.

Taos trip scheduled for Saturday - Susan Kitsch informed everyone interested that she had a total of six cars interested in the trip to Taos and we are meeting at 7:30 at the usual spot (Tramway, I-25) and to bring a lunch. Some participants will be spending the night; accommodations must be made on your own.

New Owners Orientation, Saturday, May 31. Rob Dassler informed the group that we would be heading to Cochiti Lake, Jemez area for a day of getting to know your Rover. Nothing too aggressive and maybe a chance to play with the winch. Meet at the dealership at 8am, bring a lunch.

Cuba/Jemez with Scott Hutchinson, June 21. Scott is working up a plan, but is concerned that the area may be closed due to fire danger.

Ouray/Silverton/Telluride, July 18-20. Jackie stated that the trip accommodations would be made on your own at the River's Edge and that parties camping would be staying at the 4 J's Camp Ground. Black Bear Pass and other trails, group dinner/or pot luck possible. More information the closer we get to trip.

The meeting ending with Todd and Scott sharing some of the details from the trip to Moab. We all heard about Todd's Lion's Back adventure, the almighty Ken Rice showing up the "whipper snappers," and Scott making some new friends with the (Great Basin Rovers club

Meeting suggestions for next three months: Range Cafe, El Pinto, Bocca De Pippo (?), and Ken and Barbara volunteered their backyard for a cookout in July.

It was decided to hold the June 10th meeting at El Pinto, July meeting (date to be determined, but probably Saturday July 12th) at Ken and Barbs, and the August 12th meeting at Chilipeños in Cedar Crest.

Meeting Adjourned.